MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : For financial reasons. Government cannot lose all the income from the export duty.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*) : Have the Government considered the question of the sufferings of the people on account of the fall in the price of cocoanut?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : Government have realised the sufferings of the people and they have done all that they can possibly do to alleviate their suffering.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*) : Is it the member's opinion that there is no reason to reduce the rate?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : There is no reason to reduce it.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*) : May I know from the member whether the Government propose to increase it?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : No, it is not the present idea of Government.

PRESIDENT : Not yet.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : May I know from the member whether there is not less demand from European countries?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : Yes, in some countries the demand is small. But the market price has not fallen.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : May I know whether there is an attempt being made to find out a substitute for the coir yarn in the outside market?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : Sir, in some countries they may find substitutes.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : May I know from the Government whether, if and when countries outside are to find substitutes for coir yarn, our cottage industry will flourish?

PRESIDENT : That is *after* the substitute has been discovered. The question is hypothetical.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : Sir, the member said "they have found substitutes".

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): I said "they may find substitutes".

Enhancement of the import duty on cocoanut products.

95. *MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have drawn the attention of the Government of India to the necessity of increasing the duty on cocoanut and cocoanut products imported into India ; and

(*b*) if so, what the result was of that attempt?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The matter is still under the consideration of the Government of India.

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